Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lebanon, South Dakota, started as one of the early "Blue Blanket Valley" settlements in what is now Potter County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In 1887, the first postmaster, David Boyle, petitioned the United States Postal Service to name the new community Lebanon in honor of his home town of Lebanon, Indiana; and,

Whereas, Soon after the platting of Lebanon in 1887, the town prospered with its first merchandise store, drug store, and by 1888, there were three hotels, a blacksmith shop, a grain warehouse, lumber yard, and a newspaper named, "The Dakota Blizzard." The first church building was erected by the Congregational Society in 1888, and in 1893, the original one room school house was replaced by a new two story building housing grades one through eight and a two-year high school program; and,

Whereas, By the early 1900s, Lebanon was booming with five elevators, assorted business, and societies, which made up a successful community, and in 1928, the community built the first outdoor swimming pool in South Dakota, still operational today; and,

Whereas, The people of Lebanon take great pride in their heritage and community, making it the right place to call home; and,

Whereas, Lebanon, which turns 125 in 2009, will salute the past, present, and future all year as the spirit of Lebanon continues to pull the community forward in celebration:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 20 – 21, 2009, as

LEBANON QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State